I AM

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I am from pony tails, penny loafers and blue jeans

I am from bike riding, and picking butter beans.

I am from church on Sunday and Wednesdays too

and whenever we wanted something to do.

I am from North Carolina, Germany and Idaho

Yet, I am home wherever my momma sits and sews.

I am from hardworking parents just trying to get by

I am from “I’ll wash your mouth out with soap” if you tell a lie.

I am from eating at home, doing chores and canning the vegetables that we grew.

I am from mind your manners, don’t talk back and do as I say, not as I do.

My parents raised me to always do the right thing, respect others, and be nice.

They loved me the only way they knew how, unconditionally without a lot of advice.